

Youth robs, hits Verda Welcome

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Senator Verda F. Welcome (D., Baltimore, 40th) said yesterday she was mugged for the first time in her life Friday, and the experience left her with a swelling on her head, bruised ribs and the conviction that "we just must find money for more policemen. People are living in fear."

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Mrs. Welcome was shot and wounded in 1964.

Friday's assault occurred about 5 P.M., police said, as Mrs. Welcome was walking in the 3500 block Holmes avenue, a block from her office. She was on her way to her home at Holmes and Liberty Heights avenues, where she has lived for the past 20 years.

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"Where he came from I don't know," the 60-year-old legislator told a reporter. "I saw this shadow, and it seemed like it was simultaneous with

the tugging at my pocketbook.

"He whirled me around by my right arm. I was screaming with all my might. . . . He struck me because I was screaming."

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The robber—described by police as a slender black male, 17 to 19 years old, about 5 feet 9 inches tall, wearing dark pants and jacket—broke away with Mrs. Welcome's wallet, which she said contained \$220, some change and her papers.

Mrs. Welcome was examined at her home by her husband, Dr. Henry C. Welcome, a surgeon, and put under sedation.

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Her handbag was recovered by police, who said it was found at Presbury and Monroe streets. It contained only Mrs.



VERDA F. WELCOME
... victim of mugging

Welcome's papers and 73 cents.

Mrs. Welcome once had her wallet stolen from her purse at a political event.